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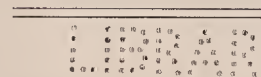
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LIST OF CAMPS

HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GRAND CAMP, UNITED
CONFEDERATE VETERANS OF MISSISSIPPI.

OCTOBER 6, 1891.

E. C. WALTHALL CAMP, No. 1.....	Meridian.
S. J. GHOLSON, No. 2.....	Aberdeen.
ISHAM HARRISON, No. 3.....	Columbus.
CLAY COUNTY (formerly West Point), No. 4....	West Point.
VICKSBURG, No. 5.....	Vicksburg.
NATCHEZ, No. 6.....	Natchez.
PATRON'S UNION, No. 7.....	Patrons' Union Camp Ground.
HICKORY, No. 8.....	Hickory.
HATTIESBURG, No. 9.....	Hattiesburg.
J. J. WHITNEY, No. 10.....	Fayette.
KIT MOTT, No. 11.....	Holly Springs.
ROBT. A. SMITH, No. 12.....	Jackson.
BEN HUMPHRIES, No. 13.....	Crystal Springs.
JOHN M. STONE, No. 14.....	Tupelo.
FRANKLIN COUNTY, No. 16.....	Meadville.
AMITE, No. 17.....	Liberty.
SYLVESTER GWIN, No. 18.....	Brookhaven.
YAZOO, No. 19.....	Yazoo City.
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, No. 20.....	Port Gibson.
WOODVILLE, No. 21.....	Woodville.

THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF THE U. C. V.

Of the above named Camps, the following have been, to date, October 6, 1891, admitted into the Fellowship of the United Confederate Veterans, and hold certificates of membership therein, numbered as follows:

E. C. WALTHALL, No. 25.....	Meridian.
ISHAM HARRISON, No. 27.....	Columbus.
VICKSBURG, No. 32.....	Vicksburg.
NATCHEZ, No. 20.....	Natchez.
HATTIESBURG, No. 21.....	Hattiesburg.
J. J. WHITNEY, No. 22.....	Fayette.
KIT MOTT, No. 23.....	Holly Springs.
ROBT. A. SMITH, No. 24.....	Jackson.
BEN HUMPHRIES, No. 19.....	Crystal Springs.

Second Annual Session.

The Grand Camp of United Confederate Veterans of the State of Mississippi assembled at the City Hall in the city of Natchez, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 6th, 1891, with Grand Commander John M. Stone presiding.

After calling the Grand Camp to order, the Grand Commander delivered the following address:

Address of Grand Commander.

My Comrades:

By a dispensation of Divine Providence, I find myself occupying the high and honorable position of Grand Commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi. Having been elected at the last meeting of the Grand Camp First-Lieutenant Grand Commander, upon the death of our distinguished and beloved Grand Commander, General W. S. Featherston, which sad event occurred on the 28th of May last, the command of the Grand Camp devolved upon me, and the staff of my honored predecessor was continued in office. The camps of Mississippi having failed to elect a major-general, in conformity with article 6 of the constitution, I was, on the 29th of August, appointed by the Grand Commander, to the office of Major-General of the Mississippi division of United Confederate Veterans. While these offices could have fallen upon no one who would have appreciated the honor more than I, my public duties have so constantly engrossed my time that I have not been able to bestow upon them that attention which I otherwise should have done, and which their importance demanded. But with the aid of our most loyal and efficient adjutant-general, Col. Sykes, who has done all the work, I trust that the interests of the Grand Camp have not suffered.

I congratulate you, my comrades, upon the auspicious opening of this, the 2d annual meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi. Although the organization is yet in its infancy it has grown to proportions which astonishes us all. For many years there have been

minor organizations of similar character, and looking to the same end and in different parts of the State; but until recently there was no effort to effect a State organization. As early as 1869 such an association existed in the northeastern counties of the State, known as the Northeast Mississippi Confederate Veteran Association, and it has continued to exist, and it still exists, and numbers 750 members, and is to-day a component part of this Grand Camp. I trust that a few remarks touching the history and character of the Northeast Mississippi Confederate Veteran Association will not be considered egotistical or out of place.

Its origin was in the decoration of the graves of Confederate soldiers at Baldwyn, Lee county, in April, 1866. A monument was erected, and annually thereafter, on the 10th of May, the graves and grounds have been wreathed in flowers.

The first regular organization of the Association was in 1869, and Comrade P. M. Savery was chosen president, and served for nine years. Then Comrade W. H. H. Tison for three years; and on the 10th of May, 1886, your humble speaker was elected for full term of five years, and was re-elected on the 10th May, 1888, for a second term. A company of ten young ladies, calling themselves the "Little Confederates," with Miss Mary Savery as captain, by exhibitions of various characters, raised a special fund to take care of the grounds which were donated to the Association by the Masonic fraternity of the town of Baldwyn.

The membership of veterans of this Association is about twelve hundred; the organization of Sons of Veterans number over six hundred, and that of the Daughters of the Confederacy has a membership of about nine hundred and fifty.

The first decoration of the graves of Confederate dead in Mississippi, as far as I know, was by this Association on the 26th of April, 1866, and they have paid a like tribute to their memory each and every succeeding year. The lady managers and inmates of the Protestant Orphan Asylum of this good city became floral honorary members, by donation of flowers, more than twenty years ago. Thus it will be seen that these are the oldest organizations of this character in the State.

It is gratifying to know that there is a marked improvement in the interest taken by Confederate veterans everywhere on the subject of permanent organizations for the preservation of the traditions of the war, and for the perpetuation of its sacred memories, and of that fraternal affection which must live and glow and burn in the heart of every true Confederate soldier. I need not dwell upon the con-

dition and prospects of the organization in Mississippi. The able and comprehensive report of the Adjutant-General will place you in possession of all needed information on this subject, and I earnestly commend the suggestions and recommendations of that faithful and efficient officer to the attentive and favorable consideration of this Grand Camp.

We are here, fellow soldiers, more for the purpose of commemorating the events of the past, than for building for the future. In the beginning of our struggle we were all young, and filled with the hopes and aspirations of youth, and knowing little of the stern realities of war, we promptly responded to the roll-call of our respective States. When we look around us now, instead of the young men and beardless boys of 1861, who were my comrades at Manassas and Cold Harbor and Gettysburg, and who were your comrades at Shiloh and Vicksburg and Atlanta, we feel that we are in an entirely different presence; we recognize few of the same features, but behold in the same persons the gray-haired veterans of 1891. Yet we know they are the same men, and if there were among us a "doubting Thomas" the proof is at hand. The honorable scars worn by most of them place their identity beyond question. These are indeed they who fought the battles of the Confederacy, and whose star went down in defeat but not in dishonor. You are here to-day as proud and honorable men. Honoring each other, honored by your former enemies for your prowess as soldiers, and honored by the civilized world for your patriotic devotion to the cause for which you fought, when impartial history shall record your deeds the brave and the true everywhere will honor you.

I pity the poor coward, if there be such, who apologizes for, or, the blatant braggart who boasts of what he did as a Confederate soldier. He who did most only did his duty to his country. He who did less deserves its condemnation. The Confederate soldier, like the Union soldier, owed his allegiance to his country; and like the Union soldier, he fought and died for a righteous cause; and the only reason why I am not as well satisfied with the part we took in the late war as I have been with that taken by our fathers in the revolutionary struggle, and the only reason why I am not as proud of the soldier of Manassas and Shiloh and Gettysburg and Appomattox, as of those of Bunker Hill, Trenton, Lexington and Yorktown, is that they were not so successful. Then, away with the cowardly cant that pities and apologizes for the Southern soldier because he fought and fell in a cause that he "believed to be right." I assert to-day, as confidently as did Yancy or Toombs or Davis, in

1861, that it was a just and righteous cause, and that the Confederate soldier not only thought he was right, but that he *was* right, and he who fought and died in that cause is entitled to the same meed of praise, and of honor, and of glory from his people, as is the faithful Northern soldier who fought and died beneath the folds of the stars and stripes fighting for the integrity of the Union. They succeeded, and we were compelled to yield to the superior force of overwhelming numbers. The arbitrament which we invoked failed us, and we, in good faith accepted the results, and are to-day as conscientiously loyal to the government of the United States as we were when the great leaders in the Southern armies were fighting its battles on the plains of Mexico. We who fought for the principles of the rights of the States under the constitution, are to-day as loyal to the Union as those who fought to maintain it. The motives and principles of the one were as pure and patriotic as those of the other. I repeat, my comrades, that we are as loyal to the government of the United States and to the Union as are those who fought against us, and I would not, if I could, by a motion of the hand, dampen the ardor of any man, either north or south, in his patriotic love of, and devotion to the Union and Constitution of the United States as they are to-day; but any Southern man who would, from cowardice or sickly sentimentality, withhold from the faithful Confederate soldier the commendation of honorable motives, and chivalrous bearing, as in a just and righteous cause, is unworthy of the name of American citizen.

While the cause for which we fought perished, and the question of the right of a State to withdraw from the Union has been forever settled in the negative—and I pray that the settlement may never be disturbed—yet there is no treason in dwelling upon the sad memories of that defeat, or in meeting and reiterating our eternal devotion to each other, our undying love for the cause we lost, or in making an annual pilgrimage to do homage at the shrine of our buried Confederacy. If these be treason, then we are guilty, but in heaven's chancery we shall find our justification, our acquittal, and our reward.

My comrades, as time passes, and age with his stealthy steps creeps upon us, we cannot, we must not forget our duties to each other. But as the shadows of memory lengthen and grow dim as the evening of life approaches, and we look back upon the hardships and toils and privations through which we passed from 1861 to 1865, we are filled with wonder why we do not wish to forget the war and everything connected with its history. But not so. The

recollections thereof are dear to the heart of every true soldier, and they will be cherished as long as life lasts, or memory holds its sway.

Since our last annual meeting death has invaded our camps, and removed from us some of our most honored and faithful comrades. Both rank and file have been compelled to answer the dread summons. Among the number is our distinguished and beloved Grand Commander. I would not undertake to do justice to that great and good man by any extended remarks of my own, for his merits are far above any eulogy within my power to frame; but let us all unite in a fitting tribute to his memory. But in cherishing the memories of our departed comrades, let us not forget the gallant, patriotic private soldier. To him, more than all others is the honor due. You and I and all who held official positions in the army may have been inspired by hopes of personal advancement or personal fame or favor; but love of duty and love of country were the private soldiers' only incentives. Whatever of honor or fame you or I, or any officer of the Confederate army, from the highest to the lowest acquired, was due to the indomitable courage and heroic deeds of the loyal, self-sacrificing private soldier of the Confederate army. Then let us not forget him, but in addition to the monuments of marble and brass that are builded to pierce the skies, let us preserve within our hearts and memories and traditions, memorials to his honor, which will stand forever, and which can never be tarnished by the touch of time.

The roll was called of the officers of the Grand Camp, as follows:

Major-General John M. Stone, Grand Commander. Present.

Major-General J. A. Smith, Second Lieutenant-Commander. Absent.

Capt. E. O. Sykes, Third Lieutenant-Commander. Absent.

Gen. J. R. Davis, Inspector-General. Absent.

Col. K. P. Lanneau, Quartermaster-General. Present.

Col. C. A. Rice, Surgeon-General. Absent.

Col. Lewis Ball, Chaplain-General. Absent.

Col. E. T. Sykes, Adjutant-General. Present.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hardy, Aid-de-Camp. Absent.

Maj. Fred. J. V. LeCand, Aid de-Camp. Present.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Camp, held at Meridian on October 14, 1890, were read and approved.

Maj. John Rawle, of Natchez Camp No. 6, was appointed Recording Secretary.

On motion, all Confederate veterans, not Mississippians, who were present, were invited to seats within the hall.

The following Committee on Credentials was appointed, viz: P. M. Savery, N. S. Walker, J. J. Whitney, J. L. Power, Jas. W. Lambert. The Committee retired, and made up their report, showing that the Grand Camp was composed of the following Subordinate Camps, those marked with a * being represented.

E. C. Walthall No. 1—Meridian.

S. J. Gholson No. 2—Aberdeen.

*Isham Harris No. 3, Columbus—E. T. Sykes.

West Point No. 4—West Point.

*Vicksburg No. 5, Vicksburg—D. A. Campbell, Joe Maganos, R. E. Walne, Jas. King, Chris. Mingis, John R. M. O'Reilly, John Quackenboss, E. Williams, F. A. Myers.

*Natchez No. 6, Natchez—F. J. V. LeCand, Jas. W. Lambert, Simon Mayer, Jos. F. Van Dyke, E. L. Hopkins, J. B. O'Brien.

Patrons' Union No. 7—Patrons' Union Camp.

Hickory No. 8—Hickory.

Hattiesburg No. 9—Hattiesburg.

*J. J. Whitney No. 10, Fayette—W. Stephens, J. J. Whitney, F. H. Culley, James McClure.

Kitt Mott, No. 11, Holly Springs.

*Robert A. Smith No. 12, Jackson—R. J. Harding, J. L. Power, John McDonnell, H. Strauss, J. B. Cadwallader, John W. Clingan.

*Ben Humphreys No. 12, Crystal Springs—E. M. Stackhouse.

*John M. Stone No. 14, Tupelo—John M. Stone, -P. M. Savery.

*Franklin No. 16, Meadville—J. L. Calcote, T. J. Scott.

*Amite No. 12, Liberty—J. A. Robertson.

*Sylvester Gwin No. 18, Brookhaven—J. A. Hoskins, E. M. Bee.

Yazoo No. 19, Yazoo City—Raiford Bell, E. R. Gayles.

Claiborne No. 20, Port Gibson—A. K. Jones, M. R. Jones, N. S. Walker, J. D. Bridges, J. G. Hastings, C. R. Nesmith, D. B. Turnipseed, G. W. Shalfer, R. B. Thetford, W. P. Cohen.

Woodville No. 21—Woodville.

The following Committee on Resolutions and Revision of Constitution was appointed: J. L. Power, P. M. Savery, James W. Lambert, E. R. Gale and M. R. Jones.

A telegram addressed to Col. Sykes, Adjutant-General, was read from Col. George Moorman, of New Orleans, who was expected to be in attendance, dated New Iberia, Octo-

ber 7th, saying: "Great disappointment. Detained by accident. Great regret. Tender my regards to Confederate veterans."

On motion, the telegram was ordered to be received and spread on the minutes, with the expression of the regret of this Grand Camp that he could not be present.

The following resolution by J. L. Power and N. S. Walker was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That all ex-Federal veterans in the city of Natchez be invited to attend the meetings of this Grand Camp.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote, without dissent.

Adjutant-General E. T. Sykes then read his annual report, as follows:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS OF MISSISSIPPI,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBUS, MISS., October 6, 1891. }

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Camp of the Confederate Veterans of Mississippi:

COMRADES—As required by our Constitution, I submit herewith my report of the business of the Adjutant-General's Department for the year now closing.

The first official act of the newly elected Grand Commander, W. S. Featherston, was his General Order, No. 1, under date of November 14, 1890, announcing on his personal staff, Capt. E. T. Sykes, of Columbus, Miss., Adjutant-General; Capt. W. H. Hardy, of Meridian, Miss., Aid-de-Camp; Capt. Thos. J. Carson, of Natchez, Miss., Aid-de-Camp.

On November 24, following, General Order, No. 2, was issued, announcing Capt. Fred. J. V. LeCand, of Natchez Camp, No. 6, Aid-de-Camp, vice Thos. J. Carson, relieved at his own request.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AND REUNION AT JACKSON.

General Orders, Nos. 4, 6 and 7, respectively, of current series from these headquarters, under dates, respectively, of March 2, May 13, and May 18, were issued, inviting attention to the unveiling ceremonies at the State Capital of the completed monument to Mississippi's dead soldiers of the late war, on June 3, last, and to the Annual Encampment and Re-

union of the United Confederate Veterans Association at same place on the day previous, giving details and directions in reference thereto. As it is to be presumed that most of you were present on the occasion referred to, or if not present, that you read published reports of the same, I shall pass to other matters with the gratifying statement that of the fifteen Camps in this Grand Department nine complied with the directions contained in General Order, No. 7, of May 18, 1891, and presented to the Committee of the United Confederate Veterans their constitutions, by-laws and roll of members, together with the fee of two dollars, as prescribed by Article 5, of the Constitution of the United Confederate Veterans, and were regularly and duly admitted to fellowship therein. These Camps were the—

E. C. Walthall, No. 1, to which was assigned United Confederate Veterans No. 25.

Isham Harrison, No. 3, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 27.

Natchez, No. 6, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 20.

Hattiesburg, No. 9, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 21.

J. J. Whitney, No. 10, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 22.

Kitt Mott, No. 11, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 23.

Robert A. Smith, No. 12, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 24.

Ben Humphries, No. 13, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 19.

W. A. Montgomery, No. —, to which was assigned the United Confederate Veterans No. 26.

I call attention to the fact to impress it upon you, that the association of Camps in the United Confederate Veterans organization does not affect their State autonomy. The Grand Camp remains as heretofore, and the Camps associating in the United Confederate Veterans simply assume additional responsibilities, with corresponding privileges. It is a "consummation devoutly to be wished," that the remaining Camps in this Department should, as speedily as possible, seek fellowship in the United Confederate Veterans Association, which I am happy to report is rapidly growing in numbers and importance.

An important change was made in the time of meeting of the United Confederate Veterans Convention. From the heated term of summer, when it has heretofore met, it has been changed to the balmy spring. The eighth day of April,

1892, at New Orleans, is the appointed time and place for its next assembling.

GENERAL JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON.

In the early part of April last, I received from Headquarters of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia, a communication under date of April 1, asking the co-operation of the Confederate Camps of the country in "securing the observance" of the "26th day of April at 5 o'clock P.M." as a memorial day and hour "in commemoration of our late honored and beloved Commander, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston." As requested, there was issued, from these Headquarters, on the tenth of said month General Order, No. 5, in which the said communication of the Virginia Department was republished, and asking the several Camps in this Department to observe the day and hour designated in doing honor to the memory of Gen. Johnston. By my own Camp—Isham Harrison, No. 3—the day and hour was appropriately observed. Pursuant to published notice the Camp marched from its armory to the courthouse, where had assembled a vast concourse of sympathizing citizens, and with music, oratory and song, the virtues of our departed General were recalled and the memories of the war made fresh and green. Suitable resolutions were adopted and transmitted to the family of the deceased, among them one in these words:

Resolved, That the veterans of this Camp approve of and unite in the request of the veterans of Virginia, that the family of our deceased comrade consent to the removal of his remains from Maryland for interment in Virginia, the State which gave him birth, and in defence of whose rights and honor he devoted the best energies of his life.

NEW CAMPS.

From nine Camps at the close of the last term we have grown until we now number 21.

The new Camps were admitted to membership as follows: J. J. Whitney, No. 10, by Special Order, No. 1, current series, issued November 14, 1890.

Kitt Mott, No. 11, by Special Order, No. 2, current series, issued March 7, 1891.

Robert A. Smith, No. 12, by Special Order, No. 3, current series, issued May 2, 1891.

Ben Humphries, No. 13, by Special Order, No. 4, current series, issued May 4, 1891.

John M. Stone, No. 14, by Special Order, No. 5, current series, issued May 16, 1891.

Franklin County, No. 16, by Special Order, No. 6, current series, issued September 16, 1891.

Amite County, No. 17, by Special Order, No. 7, current series, issued September 17, 1891.

Sylvester Gwin, No. 18, by Special Order, No. 7, current series, issued September 17, 1891.

Yazoo, No. 19, by Special Order, No. 8, current series, issued September 21, 1891.

Claiborne County, No. 20, by Special Order, No. 9, current series, issued September 24, 1891.

Woodville, No. 21, by Special Order, No. 10, current series, issued October 1, 1891.

The W. A. Montgomery, although in fellowship with the United Confederate Veterans, has never reported to these Headquarters, and for that reason has no number in this Grand Camp.

THE GRAND CAMP CONSTITUTION.

In my last report, submitted October 14th, 1890, I called attention to what I conceived to be defects in our Constitution. I said that the Constitution "adopted at Aberdeen, Miss., on October 15th last, is sorely defective in many important particulars; and because of the fact that it was published in only the Aberdeen papers at the time, but a limited number of veterans have seen it or know its provisions. I consider it chiefly due to this want of information that so little interest has been thus far manifested in the organization. I therefore recommend the following amendments to the Constitution, and when amended that a suitable number of copies in pamphlet form be printed for distribution to camps, officers and other interested parties applying for them."

On account of the hurry incident to a short session, the above recommendation was not acted upon; and, to avoid similar non-action at this session, I have revised the Constitution, amending what I conceive to be the defects in the existing one, and placing it in entire harmony with the revised Constitution of the United Confederate Veterans, adopted July 3d, 1890. I urgently recommend its adoption at this meeting, and that arrangements be made for its publication in pamphlet form.

Though the Constitution makes provision for a source of revenue to defray current expenses, there has not been a single nickle collected or received from any source, during my incumbency. The result has been that much that might have been done for the good of the organization had to remain undone for want of funds.

I also recommended the adoption of the following, as a standing rule of the Grand Camp, viz:

"The Grand Commander shall appoint at each annual meet of the Grand Camp the following standing committees:

1. On Address of Grand Commander—To be composed of three comrades.
2. On Report of Adjutant-General—To be composed of three comrades.
3. On Report of Inspector-General—To be composed of three comrades.
4. On Report of Quartermaster-General—To be composed of three comrades.
5. On Rules and Regulations—To be composed of three comrades.
6. On Resolutions and Revision of the Constitution—To be composed of five comrades.
7. On Nomination of Grand Camp Officers and Next Place of Meeting—To be composed of five comrades.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

As Chairman of the Committee appointed at our last meeting, I have prepared a Constitution and Regulations for the organization of camps of "The Sons of Confederate Veterans," and will, at the proper time submit the same for adoption. Mature consideration satisfies me that at this time, and until the old veterans pass off the stage of action, there should be no "Grand Camp of the Sons of Veterans" as contemplated by the resolution of Comrade J. R. McIntosh, but that the camps of the Sons of Veterans be allowed representation in this Grand Camp upon the same basis with the Camp of Veterans, except that they shall not be entitled to vote on any subject.

GRAND COMMANDER W. S. FEATHERSTON.

Learning by telegram on the morning of May 29th, last, of the death of our Grand Commander, W. S. Featherston, at 9 o'clock of the evening previous, I at once issued Circular Order No. 1, from the Adjutant-General's Department, announcing the sad intelligence for the information of the veterans of this Grand Division, and further, that the command of the Grand Camp devolved on First Lieutenant Grand Commander, Jno. M. Stone.

As a meeting of the United Confederate Veterans was to be holden at our State capital only a few days thereafter, it was not considered necessary to promulgate an order for

memorial services throughout the Department, but proper to await the time of said re-union, when in my official capacity I announced to that body the death of General Featherston, and introduced a series of resolutions commemorative of his worth and services, which resolutions were feelingly and eloquently spoken to by Capt. Addison Craft of Kitt Mott Camp, and J. F. V. LeCand, *aide-de-camp* on the Staff of the Grand Commander, and by the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Markham, of New Orleans, the veteran chaplain of Featherston's brigade. The resolutions were adopted and printed with the minutes of United Confederate Veterans Re-union, and a copy ordered sent to the family of the deceased.

THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

The Constitution of the United Confederate Veterans, among other things, provides that, "each State having five or more camps, * * * shall constitute a division, which shall be officered under a Major-General and a staff similar to that of the General." And further, that "the Major-Generals shall be elected by their Divisions." But "where no Division is formed in any State, the General shall appoint a Major-General," etc.

As none of our camps held membership in the United Confederate Veterans until after the last meeting of the Grand Camp, and not until at the Re-union in Jackson on June 3d, last, and as at the last-named meeting nine camps were admitted to fellowship in the United Confederate Veterans, the General Commanding the United Confederate Veterans, on the 29th of August last, had issued from his headquarters the following General Order organizing the Mississippi Division, and appointing Gov. John M. Stone Major-General of the same.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, }
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 29, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 19. }

I. The United Confederate Veteran Camps in the State of Mississippi having failed to elect a Major-General, in conformity with Art. 6 of the Constitution, the General Commanding hereby announces the following appointment pending the regular election to be held at the annual re-union at Natchez, Miss., on October 6th, next, to-wit: Governor Jno. M. Stone at present Grand Commander of the Grand Camp of Mississippi, as Major-General of the Division of Mississippi.

II. Major-General J. M. Stone will immediately enter upon the duties of the office and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The attention of the Major-General is directed to Article 10 of the Constitution, and he is urged to hasten the formation of new Camps in his Division.

By order of

J. B. GORDON,
General Commanding.

GEO. MOORMAN,

Adj't-Gen. and Chief of Staff.

Whereupon, on the 14th day of September last, the following General Order appointing the Division Staff, was issued and promulgated:

HEADQ'RS MISS. DIV. UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, }
JACKSON, MISS., September 14, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

I. Pursuant to General Order No. 19, from Headquarters United Confederate Veterans, dated New Orleans, La., August 29th, 1891, the undersigned assumes command of the Mississippi Division, U. C. V.

II. The following officers, with the rank designated, are announced on the staff of the Major-General Commanding, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

E. T. Sykes, of Columbus, Miss., Adjutant-General, with the rank of Colonel.

Jos. R. Davis, of Biloxi, Miss., Inspector General, with the rank of Colonel.

H. P. Lanneau, of Natchez, Miss., Quarter Master General, with the rank of Colonel.

C. A. Rice, of Meridian, Miss., Surgeon General, with the rank of Colonel.

Lewis Ball, Chaplain General, with the rank of Colonel.

W. H. Hardy, of Meridian, Aid-de-Camp, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Fred J. V. LeCand, of Natchez, Miss., Aid-de-Camp, with the rank of Major.

They will report by letter.

J. M. STONE,
Major-General Commanding.

The revised Constitution to be submitted for adoption at this meeting (Art. 6, Sec. 1), makes the Grand Commander of the Grand Camp, Major-General of the Mississippi Division of the U. C. V. This provision, by

conferring upon the same person both offices, will simplify the duties of the dual office, and prevent conflict and its consequent confusion, should the offices be filled by different persons.

MEMBERSHIP.

I had hoped to be able to present at this meeting a return showing the actual membership of each Camp in this Grand Jurisdiction. Paragraph 2, of General Order No. 9, from these headquarters, under date of August 12, last, directed that each Camp report to the Adjutant-General by September 15 thereafter, a roster of its officers and a return of its members.

Thus far I have received returns from only nine Camps, as follows:

Isham Harrison, No. 3, 41 members; J. J. Whitney, No. 10, 44 members; Robert A. Smith, No. 12, 143 members; Jno. M. Stone, No. 14, 750 members; Franklin County, No. 16, 32 members; Yazoo, No. 19, 61 members; Kitt Mott, No. 11, 57 members; Claiborne County, No. 20, 24 members; Woodville Camp, No. 21, 43 members.

In conclusion, I wish to impress upon all Grand Camp officers, as also, upon Commanders of Camps, the necessity of military compliance with the constitutional requirements of our organization.

If each and every officer would discharge his or their duties as prescribed in the constitution, our organization would take on new life, and grow and expand until it would soon embrace every worthy ex-Confederate Veteran in the State; but, if the discouraging indifference to the requirements of our order which has marked our experience to date is to continue, I fear it will be many years before we attain the condition of a well ordered and disciplined organization.

Every Grand Camp officer should conscientiously discharge his duties as prescribed in the Constitution of our organization, and Camp Commanders should promptly respond to official communications addressed to them, and in all respects comply with the requirements of orders issued from Grand Camp Headquarters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. SYKES, Adjutant-General.

The report of the Adjutant-General was on motion referred to the Committee on Resolutions and Revision of the Constitution.

Reports of special committees appointed at the last meeting then being in order, the report of the committee to devise the plan of organization of "Sons of Confederate Vet-

erans of Mississippi," was presented in the shape of a constitution and by-laws by Adjutant-General Sykes, and contained a full plan for the organization of these junior associations. (See appendix.)

MISSISSIPPI IN THE WAR.

The following report, received from Col. W. H. Hardy, who is unable to be present, was then read:

To the Grand Camp of United Confederate Veterans, in Second Annual Meeting at Natchez, October 6, 1891:

The undersigned committee was appointed at the last Annual Grand Camp to ascertain and report on the following facts, to-wit:

1. How many soldiers from Mississippi served in the late war;
2. In what commands or companies they served;
3. How many were killed or died during the war and where buried;
4. How many veterans now survive;
5. How many are maimed, disabled, infirm and indigent.

Your Committee, with the time and means at their command, find it impossible to get up the data for a report upon the above subjects that would be at all reliable; nor do they believe it possible to do so through any committee that the Grand Camp may appoint. However, your Committee are of opinion that much valuable data might be obtained through the aid of subordinate Camps, and your Committee recommend that a rule or by-law be adopted requiring each subordinate Camp to send up an annual report of the soldiers that went from the county in which the Camp is situated, and to what branch of service, how many were killed, how many died, how many wounded or disabled, how many now survive, etc. These reports could be annually revised as other information might be obtained. From these reports a pretty accurate statement might be ultimately made up.

The objection to the above plan lies in the fact that it would entail a vast amount of labor, that few men could afford to bestow without compensation. Whilst your committee suggest the above they are of opinion that the proper way to obtain the information desired is for the State to take the matter in hand. No higher duty is or can be imposed upon the State than to see that the history of the great struggle, so far as it affects her own sons, should be accurately written. To do this the material should be collected by the State in authentic form. Hence, the Legislature ought to

pass a law authorizing the appointment of a competent person upon a proper salary to collect this much-needed data, and have it filed in the office of the Adjutant-General of the State.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee to draft the proper bill, and have it presented to the next Legislature, with such reasons therefor as the committee may see proper to adduce to attain the objects hereinbefore stated.

Your Committee submit herewith, as a part of this report, a statement made up by Comrade J. L. Power, from data in his possession, and though incomplete as it is, it is nevertheless valuable and worthy to be filed in the Adjutant-General's office of this Grand Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARDY, Chairman.

JACKSON, MISS., June 9, 1891.

Col. W. H. Hardy, Meridian, Miss.:

MY DEAR SIR—I was not aware, until the receipt of your letter of April 16, that I had been appointed on the Committee named with yourself and Gen. Ferguson as members. The statistics desired are to include:

1. How many soldiers served in Mississippi during the late war;
2. In what command or companies they served;
3. How many were killed or died during the war, and where buried;
4. How many veterans now survive;
5. How many are disabled, infirm or indigent.

I regret that I am not in possession of the data, nor do I know how to obtain it, to prepare a report, as expected. You will remember that at the Encampment at Meridian, I gave some statistics compiled from records collected while I was Superintendent of Army Records during the last year of the war.

I made a complete record of only one brigade—the Barksdale-Humphries, composed of the 13th, 17th, 18th and 21st regiments and thirty companies of Davis' Brigade, and these gave the following interesting figures:

Whole number on rolls, from beginning to close	9,407
Died of disease	1,246
Killed or died of disease	1,344
Total deaths.....	2,590

Discharged, resigned, retired.....	2,087
Transferred to other commands.....	513
Transferred by promotion.....	239
Deserted or dropped for prolonged absence..	1,257
Missing	25

Total losses from all causes..... 6,661

Of the 2,746 on the rolls as "present or accounted for," about one-fourth were under arms when Gen. Lee surrendered—the remainder being absent on furlough, in prison, on detail, and for other causes.

A recapitulation of the four regiments of forty companies in Humphries' brigade, shows the following:

Total on rolls from beginning to close.....	5,615
Died of disease.....	783
Killed or died of wounds...	842

Total deaths..... 1,625

Discharged, resigned, retired.....	1,412
Transfers by promotion.....	186
Transfers to other commands.....	257
Deserted or dropped.....	568
Missing	11

Losses from all causes..... 4,059

Of the whole number (5,615) on the rolls, 2,714 were natives of Mississippi; 1,917 of other Southern States; 122 of Northern States; 400 of foreign countries; remainder not known; 875 were married when enlisted; 4,740 single. Average age 22 years. Whole number killed and wounded in action, 2,750; captured in action, 685.

The rolls that I have show the date of enlistment of every man, the battles in which he was engaged, and if absent, why.

From the foregoing and other data in my possession, I made, in 1865, an approximate estimate of the total number, and losses of Mississippi troops in the war, making about 63 regiments of all arms.

Whole number in service.....	78,000
Died of disease.....	15,500
Killed	17,500
Discharged, resigned, retired.....	19,000
Deserted or dropped.....	6,000
Missing	250

Transfers to other commands..... 1,000

Total losses from all causes.....	58,750
Balance accounted for at last roll calls.....	19,250
	<hr/> 78,000

And of this balance of 19,250, about 30 per cent. were absent from their commands, for various causes, at the close of the war.

It is but just to remark, that quite a large per cent of those reported as deserters were not such in fact. Indeed I do not think that more than 750 of the entire number of volunteers from Mississippi deserted to the Federal lines. Our reverses for the last two years of the war, the despondency of many of our people at home, the speculation and extortion of others, the inability of the government to pay the troops promptly, or to furnish them with anything like adequate supplies of food or clothing, the absolute destitution of many families of soldiers, and, toward the last, the seeming hopelessness of the struggle, all conspired to depress the soldier's heart, and caused thousands to retire from the contest when there was greatest need for their services.

I have had many applications for these records. General Wright, of the War Department, has repeatedly applied for them but I have declined to give them up, chiefly because their publication in present form would do great injustice to many brave and true men, who, for the reasons stated, were reported on the rolls as "deserters." Many of them I know, were in other commands, being cut off from their own by the breaking up of railroad connections.

I have in my scrap books, the names of large numbers who died in Federal prisons and in Confederate hospitals, but I could not tell where most of them are buried, or how many now survive, or how many are disabled, infirm or indigent.

The State should provide for the collection of this data before it will be forever too late. The Legislature, in 1865, revived the act under which I was collecting data (indeed it was under an act of Congress, and a corresponding act by the State) and I was going ahead, when the military took possession of the State government, and of course I had to abandon all further effort.

Col. McCardle, some years ago, was appointed for two years, but I am not informed what he has done.

It would require the undivided attention of one man, enthusiastic in his work, for about five years, to collect all the data indicated in the four paragraphs quoted from your let-

ter. I have frequently thought of appealing to all Mississippi survivors of the war to get up rolls of their old commands, giving the military history of every man, and his history since; so that, when the history of Mississippi in the war shall be undertaken by some one competent to the work, much reliable data might be available. An enterprising book publisher recently offered me a handsome sum for 5,000 words descriptive of the part taken by Mississippi in the struggle; but it is too big a thing to be squeezed into so small a compass, and so I declined the undertaking.

The collection and preservation of such records is a subject that comes most appropriately before the Camps of Confederate Veterans; and if they will agitate the matter, and go to work as individuals and collectively, much could be accomplished. But the trouble is, that at our occasional re-unions, we adopt resolutions and then go home and forget them. We are all too busy in the scuffle for bread, and can not give this matter the time it deserves. The State should undertake it, and some man, capable and zealous, should be appointed for a term of years. I make this suggestion all the more freely, because I would not desire such a position, nor could I serve in it; but I would most cheerfully co-operate in every way possible.

Please accept this, as the best report that I can make under the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

J. L. POWER.

On motion, the thanks of this Grand Camp were extended to the Committee on Statistics for their able and interesting report.

The report of the Special Committee on a Home for the Aged, Infirm and Indigent Soldiers, and to memorialize the Legislature in reference thereto, being called, Major P. M. Savery stated that the Committee were not ready to report, whereupon, on motion, the committee was granted further time in which to make report.

On motion, it was ordered that the address of Grand Commander Stone be furnished to the city press for publication and general dissemination, and that the papers throughout the State be requested to copy it.

Maj. F. J. V. LeCand extended an invitation to the Grand Camp to be present at the Opera House at 8 P.M., at which time a public meeting is to be held.

The Camp then adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 7, 1891.

After the minutes of the first day were read and approved, the report of the committee to gather and compile materials for the historian, of battles, camps, etc., of the Confederate Armies, from E. H. Dial, chairman, was presented and read, as follows:

Report of Special Committee on Confederate Historic Material.

To Maj.-Gen'l John M. Stone, Grand Commander:

The undersigned, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the First Annual Re-Union of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, in Meridian, October 14, 1890, charged with the duty of gathering together and compiling "all matters of interest pertaining to battles, camps, etc., of the Confederate Army for the use of historians, that future generations may have the facts sustained by evidence of living witnesses," begs leave to submit the following report:

In addition to the many personal solicitations which have been made of veterans at various and opportune times for such historic material within their knowledge as is called for by the resolution authorizing our appointment, the Committee on June 1st, 1891, issued an address in circular letter form on the subject to Confederate veterans, and had 1,000 copies of the same printed for distribution. A copy of the address in its printed form was furnished to each of the newspapers of this State for publication, also to the New Orleans, Mobile, Memphis and other daily papers which have a circulation in this State; and all of these papers, so far as we have been able to learn, complying with the committee's request, published the address, and in many instances called attention to the subject-matter of the same by editorial notices, and in this way obtained a general circulation and public notice.

Many copies of the address, in its circular form, also found their way into the hands of veterans on the occasion of the unveiling of the Confederate monument in Jackson, Miss., June 3d, last; and it has also had distribution on the occasions of the re-union of the local camps, while some have been addressed through the mails to various parties from time to time.

While the responses to this circular and to the many per-

sonal solicitations have up to this time been fewer than we hoped, yet we have secured promises which we trust may yet materialize into interesting and valuable historic matter.

One of the above-mentioned circulars is hereunto attached, and asked to be made a part of this report.

We beg leave to report further, that one of the members of our committee, Mr. Walter S. Bell, a gentleman who took a deep interest in this work to which he was appointed, has died within the last two months; and if the purpose of this Grand Camp should be to continue this committee, we suggest that another gentleman be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his death.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. DIAL,
Chairman Committee.

MERIDIAN, MISS., October 3, 1891.

CONFEDERATE HISTORIC MATERIAL.

AN ADDRESS ON THE SUBJECT TO CONFEDERATE VETERANS, AND
TO OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BY THE MISSISSIPPI
GRAND CAMP'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

MERIDIAN, MISS., June 1, 1891.

At the First Annual Re-union of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, in Meridian, October 14, 1890, the following resolution was passed, which explains itself, and in compliance therewith the undersigned were appointed a committee to carry into effect the purposes of the resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to gather together and compile all matters of interest pertaining to battles, camps, etc., of the Confederate Army, for use of historians, that future generations may have the facts sustained by evidence of living witnesses.

Committee appointed: E. H. Dial, Chairman; W. S. Bell, James C. Jenkins.

In our efforts to discharge that duty we adopt this means of requesting any and all who can aid us in the work outlined above to do so by writing accounts themselves of the war events that came within their own experience, and to present the matter to others, enlist their interest, and induce

them also to do the same. All such material may be forwarded to the chairman of the above committee at Meridian, Miss., or to either of the other members of the committee.

You, the veterans, who have seen the actual service of war—who have marched hungry upon the frozen ground, fought upon the field, lain in the ditches wounded and cold, suffered in prisons—have each facts and incidents in your knowledge which posterity ought to have and know. We, the undersigned committee appointed to this task, most respectfully request and urge upon you to think seriously upon this matter and turn your hands to the duty which you owe to yourselves, to your children, to history, to the honor of your dead comrades, to the honor of the living, to your country. Write down your individual experience, what you know of the valor of your friends, of the gallant behavior of your company, of your regiment, of your brigade, of the army to which you belonged, of your officers, what you remember and know of the camp fire scenes, battle incidents, prison life, short rations, scanty clothing, the smiles and tears, the joys and the sorrows, the laughing and the weeping of the Confederate soldier life. The participants in the war will soon all have passed away, and with them must also pass away these things unless you, in whose bosoms they are locked up, choose to leave them as a legacy to your posterity. You are asked to turn these, your treasures, over to us in whatever form you may choose, and it will be our duty to compile and place them away where they can be found and utilized by any who may come honestly searching for just such crude ore or just such jewels and gems as these will prove to be.

The historian for the South will want them to place upon his pages; the poet will want them to make his songs out of; the novelist will want them to give truth to his fiction; the painter will want them to dip his brushes into; and he who essays to measure and compare the patriotic devotion of the ages, must needs have Southern heroism as exemplified in the conduct of the Confederate soldiers and people to place by the side of the heroism of other peoples, before he can say with truth that in height or depth, in length or breadth, or in degree, the people of another clime or of another day have furnished to the world exemplifications of devotion to a cause greater than that furnished by Southern manhood upon the field and on the march and by the Southern womanhood—wifehood, motherhood and sisterhood—in the home and around the fireside.

Such material is being collected by other organizations for preservation and for a worthy end, and the Grand Camp of

Confederate Veterans of Mississippi is thus preparing to aid in the commendable work. Your State organization is to be the depository of the valuables you possess, and we again request you and urge you to aid us in every way in your power to discharge effectively the duty assigned us.

Respectfully,

E. H. DIAL, Chr'n,
W. S. BELL,
JAS. C. JENKINS,
Committee.

The report was received with the thanks of the Grand Camp for the industrious efforts they had made to obtain the information desired, and the committee was continued with the name of Col. J. L. Power substituted for that of W. S. Bell, one of the original members, deceased, and the Committee was requested to continue their services until the next meeting of the Grand Camp.

Col. P. M. Savery spoke of the decease of the late Grand Commander, Gen. W. S. Featherston, and of several members of the Camps who had crossed the "dark river," and moved that a Memorial Committee of five be appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the deceased members, which was carried, the chair appointing as said committee (Col. Savery being excused), the following gentlemen, viz: E. R. Gale, E. M. Bee, A. K. Jones, F. J. V. LeCand and J. A. Hoskins.

On motion, the following committee was appointed on nominations and next place of meeting of Grand Camp: E. T. Sykes, R. J. Harding, P. M. Savery, Jo Maganos and James W. Lambert.

Col. J. L. Power, chairman of the Committee to whom had been referred the report of the Adjutant-General and the Constitutions of the Grand Camp and of the Camps of Sons of Confederate Veterans, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans:

Your committee, to which was referred the report of the Adjutant-General, and the Constitution prepared for the government of this Grand Camp, and for Camps of Sons of Confederate Veterans, beg leave to report that we have duly considered the several documents as stated, and recommend—

1. By inserting in the third line of Declaration the words "or elder brother."
2. By inserting in the section prescribing conditions of

membership, in the first line the words "or younger brother."

3. By striking out, in section relating to representation in Grand Camp, the words, "but none of said representatives shall have a vote in the Grand Camp."

And as thus amended, we recommended that the Constitution and Regulations be adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF GRAND CAMP.

We recommend the following amendments:

1. Insert after the words "proof of," in the second line of section 2, the words, *enlistment and*.

2. Add to said section the words, *provided*, that any camp may admit to honorary membership, on such terms and with such privileges as it may prescribe, any person, male or female, who performed any special or signal service to the Confederacy, and who were in such civil service or employment, or who were so circumstanced, they could not enlist in the Confederate army.

3. Strike out in the last line of Art. 4, section 1, the word "two" and insert *three*.

4. Strike out, in Art. 3, section 1, the words, "first Tuesday in October" as the time of annual meeting of Grand Camp, and insert *second Tuesday in July*.

5. Strike out, in section 3, same Article, the words "in case of epidemic or other," and insert the word *for*.

6. Strike out all of section 1, Article 8.

And as thus amended, we recommend that the Constitution for the Grand Camp be adopted.

In the admirable report of the Adjutant-General, we find some timely suggestions that should be adopted with emphasis by the Grand Camp.

The fact that only nine camps have forwarded the required roster of officers and members, and that none have forwarded the annual assessment heretofore prescribed, must be attributed to carelessness, rather than real indifference or want of interest in the organization; but certain it is, that the Grand Camp cannot be maintained unless the reports of the several camps are promptly made, and unless the very moderate assessments are regularly paid. The publication of the annual proceedings, the address of Grand Commander, reports of Adjutant-General, the Constitution and amendments from time to time should all be printed in a neat pamphlet form, and in such numbers as to give every Confederate veteran a copy. The cost would be trifling, and the benefits would be at once visible in accessions to membership and in active interest in carrying out the objects of the organization.

If the Commanders, Adjutants and Secretaries of the several camps will display a tithe of the fidelity and zeal of our Adjutant-General, and will respond, as becomes true veterans, to all the orders and requisitions from that officer, and from the Grand Commander, success and permanence will be assured, and this Grand Camp will become a force that will be felt and respected, and that will increase in strength and usefulness as the years go by.

In order to provide for the publications named, as well to meet the other expenses incident to the office of the Adjutant-General, we recommend that the several camps be requested to forward to the Adjutant-General within the next thirty days the sum of \$5.00 each, which shall be in full of all dues and demands to date.

We further recommend that the several standing committees to be appointed at each session of the Grand Camp, as recommended by the Adjutant-General, be Article VIII of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. POWER,
P. M. SAVERY,
J. W. LAMBERT,
E. R. GALE,
M. R. JONES,
Committee.

Without acting upon either report, the Grand Camp at 11:10 recessed to give the Committees on Memorial Resolutions and on Officers and next meeting place, an opportunity to prepare their reports.

At 12:07 the committee re-appeared and the Grand Commander at that hour called the Grand Camp to order.

The Memorial Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote, viz:

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Memorial Committee beg leave to report that we are unable in the very limited time allowed since our appointment to prepare such a report as would pay appropriate tribute to the virtues of our beloved comrades who have "crossed over the river" since our last session. Indeed, with few exceptions, the names of those who have died have not been reported by the several Camps, and we therefore recommend that this be hereafter a special duty on the part of Camps.

The death of our Grand Commander, Gen. W. S. Feath-

erston, at his home in Holly Springs, in May last, was not only a great loss to this organization, but to the entire Commonwealth. As a citizen, soldier, statesman, he made his impress on his day and generation that will grow deeper with time. His name and noble career will be a precious memory to all survivors of the "Lost Cause." Your committee would recommend for adoption as the sentiment of this Grand Camp the very beautiful tribute submitted by our Adjutant-General at the annual meeting of the United Confederate Veterans at the State Capital on the third of June last, and that the same be spread upon our records and on memorial pages in our printed proceedings. It is as follows:

As Adjutant-General of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, I feel it my duty to officially communicate to this reunion of Confederate Veterans the death at his home, in Holly Springs, Miss., on the evening of the 28th ultimo, of Gen. Winfield Scott Featherston, at the time Grand Commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

Gen. Featherston was no ordinary man, and his worth was soon recognized by his countrymen. A man of superb physique, measuring six feet three inches in height, of splendid proportions and commanding presence, he attracted the admiring gaze of all beholders, and impressed them with the idea of the successful co-ordination in man of body, mind and will. Born near Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 8, 1819, and removing in his youth, first to Georgia and then to Mississippi, he was, at the early age of twenty-eight years, elected to the Federal Congress from the latter State, and served with conspicuous ability two terms in that distinguished body. Voluntarily retiring from the political arena to devote his undivided time to the practice of law, he soon attained the front rank in his profession. The war coming on he was elected Colonel of the Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment of Infantry, and won his spurs at Leesburg, where the Confederates killed and captured of the opposing army a greater number than the entire Confederate force engaged. Later, as commander of a brigade of Mississippians, he won fresh laurels in the ever-memorable battles around Richmond, Gaines' Mill, Ellis and Frazier's Farms and Manassas, attest his courage and the splendid handling of his troops.

In the summer of 1863, being transferred at his own request to the Army of the Mississippi, under Gen. Joe Johnston, he was a prominent figure in all the subsequent engagements of that and the Army of Tennessee under the leadership of Generals Johnston and Hood, sharing with them its

hardships and dangers, and finally surrendering with the army to Sherman, in North Carolina. It is conceded that at the battle of Baker's Creek, or Champion Hill, he rescued from capture Loring's entire division. Since the war he has filled many public positions of trust and honor, and at the time of his death was the Grand Commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

In life he measured up the true standard of official trust, and shed lustre on all his surroundings. In death his name is not quenched. The man, his character and achievements, still survive in memory and influence. He now rests from his labors and conflicts. And now, on behalf of the veterans of Mississippi, I offer the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Official notification of the death, at his home, in Holly Springs, Miss., at 9 p.m., on the 28th ultimo, of Gen. W. S. Featherston, Grand Commander of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, has been communicated to this reunion, therefore be it

Resolved, That, recognizing, the eminent military and civic services of our late comrade, and recalling his devoted loyalty to and sympathy for the memory of the cause we have organized to commemorate, and in which he bore a conspicuous part—

1. As an officer under Generals Joe Johnston and Lee in Virginia, and later under Generals Joe Johnston and Hood in the West, the United Confederate Veterans in reunion assembled, do hereby express their deep sorrow at his death, acknowledge their irreparable loss in being denied his continued valuable services in a cause so near his and the hearts of us all, and their inexpressible regrets that the inscrutable decrees of an all-wise Providence have deprived them of the fond privilege of his courtly presence and wise counsel at this, a reunion to which he had so devoutly contemplated and looked forward to with the renewed enthusiasm of youthful vigor.

2. That we tender to his bereaved family our sincerest condolence, and to the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, our deepest sympathy.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased comrade, and the papers in sympathy with our organization be requested to publish the same.

Your committee have also the sad duty of noting the death of Comrade Walter S. Bell, of Walthall Camp No. 1. He was a gallant soldier, a good and useful citizen, and a zealous Confederate veteran. We tender our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

There are doubtless others who have finished the march

of life, and are now "resting under the trees" in the paradise of the Grand Commander of the Universe; and we request the several Camps to forward the names of such to the Adjutant-General, with such suitable data as will make up a proper record in the memorial pages of this session.

E. R. GALE,
E. M. BEE,
A. K. JONES,
F. D. V. LECAND,
JAS. A. HOSKINS,
Committee.

Action upon the reports of the Committee on Constitutions was taken up, and both of the constitutions, of the Grand Camp and Camps of Sons of Veterans, were adopted.

After considerable discussion of the suggestion of the committee that a tax of five dollars be levied upon each Camp to meet necessary expenses, some speakers wanting the amount placed at ten dollars, on motion of Col. Lanneau, the amount was fixed at ten dollars, to be levied and collected from each Camp.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote on Col. Lanneau's motion, which was adopted by a vote of 18 to 13, and the suggestion adopted that delegates present pledge their Camps to give what contributions they can. The roll of Camps was then called, and the following Camps pledged the amounts set opposite their names:

Isham Harrison Camp No. 3, \$10.
Vicksburg Camp No. 5, \$10.
Natchez Camp No. 6, \$10.
J. J. Whitney Camp No. 6, \$5.
R. A. Smith Camp No. 12, \$10.
Ben Humphreys Camp No. 13, \$10.
John M. Stone Camp No. 14, \$10.
Franklin Camp No. 16, \$10.
Amite Camp No. 17, \$10.
Sylvester Gwin Camp, No. 18, \$10.
Yazoo Camp No. 19, \$10.
Claiborne Camp No. 20, \$5.

Adjutant-General Sykes reported that the United Confederate Veterans, through Gen. J. B. Gordon, General Commanding, had agreed to co-operate with the Southern Press Association in raising a fund for the erection of a monument to Jefferson Davis, and that the 18th of June was the day set apart for making collections. He had not received any reports from the Camps in reference thereto, but Isham Harrison Camp, (his own), aided by the ladies, children and

citizens generally of Columbus, had raised in Columbus \$175.00. Col. Sykes stated that many Camps of the State had not become members of the Camp of United Confederate Veterans, and urged all that were not to apply for membership at once. Some of them are members of this Grand Camp, but not of the United Confederate Veterans.

Col E. T. Sykes, for the Committee on Nominations and the selection of the next meeting place, submitted a report as fellows, which was adopted, viz:

Grand Commander:

Your committee appointed to make nominations of the elective officers of the Grand Camp, and a place of meeting for next Reunion of the Grand Camp, beg to report as follows:

For Grand Commander and Major-General of the Mississippi Division of the United Confederate Veterans—Jno. M. Stone.

For First Lieutenant-Grand Commander—Gen. Will T. Martin, Natchez.

For Second Lieutenant-Grand Commander—Gen. J. A. Smith, Jackson.

For Third Lieutenant-Grand Commander—Col. W. C. Richards, Columbus.

And that the place of meeting be Jackson, Miss.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. SYKES,
R. J. HARDING,
P. M. SAVERY,
J. W. LAMBERT,
Committee.

Major P. M. Savery offered the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution for Daughters of the Confederacy, which shall be submitted for approval to the Grand Commander, Adjutant-General, and Inspector-General of Grand Camp, and when thus approved, all divisions organized under its provisions shall be enrolled in order of seniority upon the rolls of the Grand Camp.

Resolved, That the association of Sons of Veterans, organized in Tupelo May 10, 1891, having adopted a constitution and filed the same with the Adjutant-General of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, which said constitution has been approved by the Grand Camp, the said association is hereby received and ordered to be enrolled

by their chosen name, John M. Stone Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans.

Resolved, That the Grand Camp solicit the formation of associations of the mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of Confederate veterans, to be styled Divisions of the Daughters of the Confederacy, such divisions to be under the protectorate of the Camp of Confederate Veterans in whose jurisdiction the same may be located and enrolled as honorary members of said Camp.

On motion, Messrs. J. L. Power, M. R. Jones, and J. A. Hoskins were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions of thanks to Natchez Camp No. 6 and others, to be read at the banquet to-night.

A preamble and resolution were adopted setting forth that D. T. Flannery, of Memphis, Tenn., G. W. McMurchy, of Fayette, James Compton, of Nashville, Tenn., and C. K. Harvey, of Brookhaven, had been employed during the late war under the authority of the Government of the Confederate States, and subject to the control of the Postmaster-General, and were thereby prevented from enlisting as soldiers; they were therefore made honorary members of the Grand Camp, and are made eligible to membership in any local Camp that they may select, and are commended for admission thereto.

The resolutions to appoint a Committee on Statistics and on Soldiers' Home were then adopted, as follows:

Be it Resolved, That in furtherance of the report of the Committee on Statistics, the Grand Commander appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit to the Legislature at its next session, and urge its passage, a bill with sufficient appropriation to ascertain the correct number of Mississippi soldiers who served in the war between the States, their commands, number killed, wounded, number surviving, number maimed, crippled, and indigent, transfers and all other details relating to their service.

Committee—J. L. Power, S. W. Ferguson, W. H. Hardy.

WHEREAS, the ranks of the aged, infirm and dependent Confederate Veterans are growing daily less, their sufferings greater, the cause for which they struggled more dear as its cost is augmented; and whereas, this duty of affection, charity and benevolence is not long ours to perform, therefore—

Be it Resolved, That the Grand Commander appoint a committee of five to prepare, and endeavor to secure the passage, at the next session of the Legislature, of a bill to provide a

Home for Mississippi aged, infirm and dependent Confederate Veterans.

Committee—Geo. Harvey, R. W. Banks, P. M. Savery, J. R. McIntosh, E. L. Russell.

There being two Committees on Statistics, they were consolidated.

Col. Lanneau arose and said that in his mind the present meeting of the Camp would probably have been a failure but for the arduous work and efforts of the Adjutant-General, Col. E. T. Sykes. He had discharged his multifarious duties with the greatest fidelity and conscientiousness, and with more zeal and earnestness than probably any other man would have done, and suggested that the thanks of the Grand Camp be tendered to Col. Sykes. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Camp be and they are tendered to Col. E. T. Sykes, Adjutant-General U. C. V., for the faithful, efficient and valuable services that he has rendered the Grand Camp heretofore and at the present session.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Col. Sykes thanked the Grand Camp for the compliment paid him.

Col. J. L. Power reported to the Grand Camp that he had received a letter from Chicago stating that a Confederate soldier named Jerome Carpenter was lying in one of the public hospitals in that city, dying with consumption, and that his wife and three children were in destitute circumstances. He suggested that the Camp should extend relief to the unfortunate man and his family. Carpenter had been a member of the 18th Mississippi, and had captured the famous Neal Dow. If the Camp did not take steps for relief, the individual members should do so. He suggested that Capt. J. W. Lambert be appointed a committee of one to solicit what subscriptions he could during the day, and that a collection be taken up at the banquet at night for Comrade Carpenter, which was agreed to.

The Camp then took a recess until 4 o'clock, p. m.

At 4:10 p. m., the Camp re-assembled and was called to order by Grand Commander Stone, who announced the appointment of the following staff officers, to-wit:

Col. E. T. Sykes, of Columbus, Adjutant-General.

Colonel P. M. Savery, of Tupelo, Inspector-General.

Colonel K. Palmer Lanneau, of Natchez, Quartermaster-General.

Colonel. W. B. Barker, of Macon, Commissary-General.

Colonel Newnan Cayce, of Fulton, Judge-Advocate-General.

Colonel B. F. Ward, of Winona, Surgeon-General.

Colonel H. F. Sproles, of Jackson, Chaplain-General.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fred J. V. LeCand, of Natchez, Aide-de-Camp.

Major Wat W. Stone, of Jackson, Aide-de-Camp.

No further business appearing, the minutes of the day were read and approved.

Before adjourning Grand Commander Stone arose and returned his thanks to the Grand Camp for the courteous treatment that he had received at the hands of its members, and thanked them for the compliment that they had paid him in re-electing him their Grand Commander for another term.

On motion, the Grand Camp was declared adjourned until the second Tuesday in July, 1892, at Jackson.

J. M. STONE,
Grand Commander.

E. T. SYKES, Adjutant-General.

JOHN RAWLE, Recording Secretary.

THE BANQUET.

[From Natchez Democrat.]

One of the events of the assembling of the State Camp of the United Confederate Veterans of Mississippi in our city, occurred last night at the Opera House. It was the banquet tendered to Maj.-Gen. John M. Stone, Grand Commander, and the visiting delegates, by Natchez Camp, No. 6, and it was truly a royal spread. The matter of the *cuisine* had been entrusted to that prince of caterers, B. Salvo, and that gentleman spread himself. He furnished a feast that has never been excelled, and the best evidence that it pleased was found in the hearty manner in which it was discussed by the veterans and their guests.

The tables, six in number, were laid in the auditorium, and each was prepared for fifty diners. With their snowy linen, shining silver and glassware, and other table ornaments, they presented a most inviting appearance, and when the good things of life had been added to them they became perfectly irresistible. The arrangements were all perfect, and the service was the very best.

At eight o'clock the members of the Grand Camp assembled at the city hall and marched in a body to the banquet hall. The arrangements were so well made that there was no confusion, and all were soon quietly seated at the table. At twenty minutes to nine o'clock Maj. Fred. J. V. LeCand, Commander of Camp No. 6, called the assemblage to order, and Chaplain DeRossett invoked a divine blessing in elo-

quent and fervent terms, and then the order to charge was given. It is needless to say that it was obeyed, and that, too, with a will. For an hour or more the music made by the clicking of knives and forks, accompanied by the hum of conversation, was all that was heard, but sad havoc was being wrought in the rations. The quantity, however, did not seem to diminish, for there was an abundance for all and lots left.

After the discussion of the substantial, Col. Power read the resolutions prepared by the Committee, as follows:

The committee on resolutions of thanks appointed by the Grand Camp during the day to report at the banquet at night through their chairman, Col. J. L. Power, offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Camp are due, and are hereby very specially tendered, to our comrades of Natchez Camp, No. 6, for their very cordial reception, hospitable entertainment and unceasing attentions during this session.

2. That we appreciate, beyond our ability to express, the innumerable personal kindnesses and courtesies extended by the citizens generally of this ancient, but now youthful, progressive and prosperous city—so famed for the chivalry of its men and the beauty of its women.

3. That we tender our special thanks to the young gentlemen composing the Natchez orchestra for the delightful music furnished on Tuesday night, and that their rendition of "The Girl I Left Me," "Dixie," "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and other patriotic airs that stirred our souls and quickened our steps in times of war, elicited not only our applause, but their sweet melodies will long linger in our memories of that very pleasant occasion.

4. For the sumptuous banquet to which we have just paid our respects, with so much alacrity and zeal, we would make suitable acknowledgment were we not already too full for utterance, but our hospitable friends must take the will for the deed, our chief regret being the want of greater capacity to accommodate the rations provided in such unstinted abundance.

5. That we are specially obliged to the publishers of the Democrat and Banner for the very full and satisfactory reports of our proceedings, prepared by their capable and courteous representatives.

6. To the several railroads for the courtesy of reduced rates, we are also under obligations, and in return we express

the wish that their travel and traffic may be commensurate with their capable and progressive management.

J. L. POWER,
J. A. HOSKINS,
M. R. JONES,
Committee.

The resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted, and the flow of eloquence began, and was well punctuated with the popping of corks and tinkling of glasses. Lieut.-Col. McCand was in his element, and his pleasantries added greatly to the joy and fun of the occasion.

Col. K. Palmer Lanneau announced the sentiments that were to be responded to, and he did it in his usually happy manner.

The first sentiment proposed was "The State of Mississippi," and Maj.-Gen. John M. Stone, the Governor of the State, was called upon to respond, which he did in eloquent terms. The Governor was glad that he had been called upon to respond to the sentiment, "Mississippi," and said if he had the choice of selecting a sentiment to which to respond it would be our State. He was not a native of Mississippi, but no man loved her more. He spoke in the very highest terms of the beauties and advantages of our State, and paid particularly high tribute to the city of Natchez and her people, and asked all to join him in drinking a toast to the State of Mississippi.

The next sentiment was "The Grand Camp of the United Confederate Veterans of Mississippi," to which Col. E. T. Sykes, Adjutant-General of the Grand Camp, was requested to respond. Col. Sykes' response was couched in the most eloquent terms. He spoke of the high aim of the U. C. V., contrasting it with the G. A. R., and alluded in the most scathing terms to the greediness with which the members of that organization were grabbing for pensions. His remarks were greeted with the most rapturous applause, showing that they were finding a responsive chord in every breast. The distinguished speaker wanted to stop talking several times, but the crowd would not permit him, and he was compelled to continue at considerable length, during which he gave a full history of the inception of the Grand Camp and its gradual progress to its present proportions.

The next sentiment was taken from the Confederate monument at Jackson, with slight alterations, and was: "Our departed Confederate comrades—they were martyrs to their creed. The vindication of their cause is in the holy keeping of the God of History." It was responded to by Col. P. M. Savery, of Tupelo, and his response was a gem of oratory,

full of pathos as he alluded to the memories of those who have "crossed over the river and are now resting beneath the shade of the trees." It was one of the most eloquent and touching addresses of the evening. We regret that time and space precludes a fuller report of it.

The fourth sentiment of the evening was "The Confederate soldier—His record in War and in Peace," to which Col. J. L. Power, of Jackson, was called on to respond, which he did in most fitting and appropriate terms, paying the highest tribute to the heroism of the soldiers on the field of battle, and to his value and usefulness as a citizen in the private walks of civil life.

The next sentiment—which was the last of the regular ones—was "The mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of the Confederate soldiers," and to Private Joe Maganos fell the duty of responding to the toast. It is needless to say that Private Maganos most nobly and ably performed the task. His remarks were filled with wit and humor, and were greeted with the most vociferous applause. In his response Private Joe showed that the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of the Confederate soldier had a most earnest and valiant defender.

Gen. Will T. Martin was then so earnestly called for that, although the hour was late, he responded and made a brief but forcible talk appropriate to the occasion.

Col. Power called attention to the case of Jerome Carpenter, the ex-Confederate soldier, sick and indigent in Chicago, and a generous contribution was made for his relief.

It was 12 o'clock when the last of the crowd left the hall, and all were delighted with the events of the evening, which were a fitting close to the Second Annual Re-union of the Grand Camp of United Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

GRAND CAMP OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The objects and purposes of this organization shall be strictly social, literary, historical and benevolent; to mark with suitable headstones the graves of Confederate dead, wherever found; to aid and assist all worthy Confederate Veterans who are indigent and in distress, and to encourage the formation of new Camps as a means thereto.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Membership in any Camp in this Grand Jurisdiction shall consist of all soldiers and sailors who were commanded by a Confederate States officer, and who served to the surrender, or were honorably discharged, or who were disabled, or in prison at the close of the war; provided, that any Camp may admit to honorary membership, on such terms and with such privileges as it may prescribe, any person, male or female, who performed any special or signal service to the Confederacy, and who were in such civil service or employment, or who were so circumstanced that they could not enlist in the Confederate Army.

SEC. 2. Every Camp will be expected to require of each applicant for membership satisfactory proof of enlistment and honorable service in the Confederate army or navy.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND CAMP SESSION.

SEC. 1. The Grand Camp sessions shall be composed of the Department Commander and his staff; the First, Second and third Grand Commanders; all Past Commanders of

the Department and Camps, all Commanders of Camps, or in the absence of Commanders of Camps, the senior officer of such Camp present; and representatives from the several Camps composing the Department in the ratio of one delegate for every twenty or more members in good standing, and one additional for a fraction of ten members; provided, that every Camp in good standing shall be entitled to at least three delegates.

SEC. 2. An election for representatives to the Grand Camp shall take place at the regular meeting of each Camp next preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Camp.

SEC. 3. Every comrade in good standing will be privileged to attend the meetings of the Grand Camp, or of any Camp in this Department, and receive that fraternal consideration they design to foster.

ARTICLE V—TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

SECTION 1. The Grand Camp shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in July at such place as may be selected by a majority of the officers and representatives present and voting.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Department Commander, or at the request of a majority of the Camps composing it.

SEC. 3. For satisfactory cause, the Department Commander may change the time and place for meetings of the Grand Camp.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS AND ELECTION.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Grand Camp Headquarters shall be as follows: A Grand Commander, with the rank of Major-General, and who shall be Commander of the Mississippi Division of the United Confederate Veterans; a First Lieutenant Grand Commander, a Second Lieutenant Grand Commander, each with the rank of Brigadier-General, an Adjutant-General, who shall be Chief of Staff, an Inspector-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, a Judge-Advocate-General, a Chaplain, each with the rank of Colonel, and two *Aide de-Camps*, one with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and one with the rank of Major.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commeneer, the First, Second, and Third Lieutenant Grand Commanders shall be elected by the Grand Camp. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, and shall constitute his staff.

SEC. 3. All members of the Grand Camp, or of any of the Camps composing it, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Camp.

SEC. 4. The officers thus elected and appointed shall enter upon their duties upon the adjournment of the annual meeting in each year, and hold for one year, or till relieved by their successors.

SEC. 5. In case of the death or resignation of the Grand Commander, the First, Second and Third Lieutenant Grand Commanders shall, in the order of their rank, fill the office for the remainder of term.

ARTICLE VII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Commander shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Camp, decide all questions that may arise during intervals of Grand Camp meetings, subject to appeal to the Grand Camp, approve all requisitions properly drawn on the Quartermaster-General, shall study the interest of the Department generally with a view to bringing about the best results in furtherance of the objects for which the Camps are confederated; and shall be entitled to present his views in person or by writing, to the Department.

SEC. 2. The Adjutant-General shall keep the minutes of the Grand Camp, draw all orders on the Quartermaster-General authorized by the Grand Camp, keep a file of all official papers, make out each year a return of the Camps, and perform such other duties as may be necessary, pertaining to his office, under Department orders.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Inspector-General, under the direction of the Grand Commander, to institute Camps, to inspect and report to the Grand Camp the condition of Camps, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Grand Commander. It shall be his duty to examine the rolls of all Camps organized and to be hereinafter organized, and whenever it shall appear that an unworthy name is borne thereon, the Inspector shall notify the Camp Commander, examine into the case fully and report. If the charge be sustained, after the party accused shall have had a fair hearing, the Grand Commander or Major-General of Division shall order the name stricken from the roll.

SEC. 4. The Quartermaster-General shall have custody of all funds and property of the Grand Camp, and pay all duly authorized orders drawn on him by the Adjutant-General, countersigned by the Grand Commander, keep a record of his transactions, and make annually a report to the Grand Commander, to be laid before the Grand Camp.

SEC. 5. There shall be an Advisory Council, composed of the Commanders of Camps, which shall meet subject to the

call of the Commander, whenever in his judgment business of sufficient importance may justify its convening. They shall act for the Grand Camp in the interval between the annual sessions.

They shall audit the accounts and examine the books of different officers and make report to the Grand Camp. Three members shall be a quorum to transact business, and shall be presided over by the Grand Commander when present. When called together a Camp Commander may be represented by the next in rank to himself in his Camp, should he be unable to attend.

SEC. 6. All other officers shall perform the usual duties of their several offices, and such other duties as may be ordered by the Grand Commander.

SEC. 7. All disbursing officers must give bond in sums to be fixed by the Grand Camp.

ARTICLE VIII—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commander shall appoint at each annual meeting of the Grand Camp the following Standing Committees:

1. On Address of Grand Commander, to be composed of three comrades.

2. On Report of Adjutant-General, to be composed of three comrades.

3. On Report of Inspector-General, to be composed of three comrades.

4. On Report of Quartermaster-General, to be composed of three comrades.

5. On Rules and Regulations, to be composed of three comrades.

6. On Resolutions and Revision of the Constitution, to be composed of five comrades.

7. On Nomination of Grand Camp Officers and Next Place of Meeting, to be composed of five comrades.

ARTICLE IX—ANNUAL REPORT AND DUES.

SECTION 1. Each Camp belonging to this Grand Camp shall annually, in June, forward to the Adjutant-General a true and correct roll of its members in good standing on that date, and shall, at the same time forward to the Adjutant-General the sum of ten cents per capita for each member shown on such roll, and no Camp shall be permitted representation in a session of this Grand Camp until the said Camp shall have paid said annual tax and all other amounts due by it.

ARTICLE X—GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

SECTION 1. The Headquarters of the Department shall be

as the place of residence of Grand Commander, or elsewhere at he may elect.

ARTICLE XI—BADGE AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. The badge of the Order shall be the "Regulation Pin," adopted for the United Confederate Veterans.

SEC. 2. The seal shall be the Coat of Arms of the Southern Confederacy.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual or specially called meeting of the Grand Camp by a two-thirds votes of those present.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS OF MISSISSIPPI.

DECLARATION.

I, _____, do declare upon my sacred honor that I have good reason to believe, and do believe, that my father, or grandfather, or elder brother, was in full sympathy with the Confederate States of America in and through the years 1861 to 1865 inclusive; that he was in service of said Confederacy, as a soldier or sailor, and that he discharged his full duty as such, honorably and faithfully; and I give my unqualified support to the Association whose object and aim is to perpetuate the memory of the dead, protect the living Confederate Veterans and their families, and preserve the history of the Southland free from the taint of sectionalism.

NAME.

1. The name of this Association shall be _____ Camp, No. —, Sons of Confederate Veterans of _____ county, Mississippi, and shall constitute the junior division of _____ Camp, No. —, Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

2. The object of this Association shall be strictly social, literary, historical and benevolent; and its labors shall be directed to cultivating the ties of friendship between old survivors of the armies and navies of the late Confederate States and the descendants both of the living and the dead; to keep fresh the memories of Southern soldiers who gave their lives in defense of their country either in battle or other fields of service, or who have died since the war; also the perpetuation of records of their deeds of heroism by and through the Grand and Subordinate Camps of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi.

MEMBERSHIP.

3. None but persons, sons or grandsons, or younger brothers, of such as under the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, are entitled to become members of a Veteran Camp, and who give the within pledge of

honor in manner and form as set forth in section 1 above stated, are entitled to membership in this organization.

4. After adoption of this Constitution all members shall be elected by ballot, and five nays shall be sufficient to reject.

5. This Camp of Sons of Veterans shall be subordinate to _____ Camp, No. —, Confederate Veterans of _____ county, and shall constitute the junior division of said Camp.

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

6. The elective officers of this Camp shall be as follows: Commander, 1st Lieutenant-Commander, 2d Lieutenant-Commander, 3d Lieutenant-Commander, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year from the first Monday in October.

7. The appointed officers shall be as follows: An adjutant, who may or may not be one of the Lieutenant-Commanders, Surgeon, Chaplain, Commissary, Quartermaster, Ensign, or Color-Bearer and two Collor-Guards.

8. All elections shall be by ballot, except in cases where but one nomination is made for an office, when, on motion, said vote may be taken *viva voce*.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

9. Commanders shall preside at all meetings of the Camp at all public celebrations; shall give personal supervision to affairs of the Camp, appoint Surgeon, Chaplain and all staff officers, and from time to time make such recommendations as he may deem proper.

10. In absence of the Commander, the Lieutenant-Commanders, in order of their seniority, shall discharge the duties of Commander.

11. The Secretary shall receive membership fees, dues and all other monies paid to the Camp; keep a record of the same and pay them over to the Treasurer, and shall attend all meetings and keep a record of the same.

12. The Treasurer shall receive in charge all funds belonging to the Camp and pay them out on warrant of Commander, countersigned by Adjutant, and he shall make report of the financial condition of the Camp at each semi-annual meeting.

13. The Chaplain, Surgeon, Quartermaster, Commissary, Color-Sergeant and Guards shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

14. Ten members shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn to meet at a specified time.

15. The several Camps of the Sons of Veterans shall be

entitled to representation in the Grand Camp, in the same manner with the Camp of Veterans.

BY-LAWS.

I. Regular meetings at _____, Miss., _____ County.

II. Camps are at liberty to prescribe such By-laws as they may severally deem proper, subject only to the restriction that they be consistent with the foregoing Constitution and Regulations.

